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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH F.M. THOMPSON ON ENTEBBE RAID

REF: KINGSTON 2819

1. DEPARTMENT IS REPEATING FOR YOUR GUIDANCE SEVERAL CABLES RELATING TO ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT. INCLUDED IS: A) US/UK DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY, JULY 12, (USUN 2824); B) STATE 171506 WHICH PROVIDES LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ISRAELI RAID AT ENTEBBE; C) STATE 167345 AND PARIS 19925 WHICH PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF UGANDAN COMPLICITY WITH AIR FRANCE HIJACKERS.

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DRAW ON ARGUMENTS AND EVIDENCE IN THESE CABLES IN DISCUSSING ENTEBBE RAID WITH FM THOMPSON. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WHILE WE SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF
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TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE

SITUATION AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT JUSTIFIED THE USE OF LIMITED
FORCE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF ISRAELI NATIONALS (SEE PARA 5
STATE 171506). YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT US IS
DIRECTING ITS EFFORTS IN SECURITY COUNCIL TO PREVENTION

OF FUTURE HIJACKING, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS THE ROOT CAUSE
OF THE ENTIRE ENTEBBE INCIDENT.

3. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER SENT BY PRESIDENT FORD
TO ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN ON JULY 4 ON ENTEBBE
INCIDENT:

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING OUR GREAT
SATISFACTION THAT THE PASSENGERS OF THE AIR FRANCE FLIGHT
SEIZED EARLIER THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN SAVED AND A SENSELESS
ACT OF TERRORISM THWARTED.

SINCERELY,

GERALD FORD"

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